



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Skate Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI and via webinar

Skate Committee	
Scott Olszewski, RIDEM (Chair)	Dan Farnham, MAFMC rep.
Dan Salerno, NH (Vice-Chair)	Dr. Jay Hermsen, NMFS
Mark Alexander, CT	John Pappalardo, MA
Libby Etrie, MA	Kelly Whitmore, MADMF

**Link to register for the webinar and access meeting materials:**

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/mar-22-2023-skate-committee-hybrid-meeting>

- 1:20 PM**      **If joining remotely, log on to webinar and test audio**
- 1:30**            **Introductions, approval of agenda, and other updates**
- 1:40**            **Overview of 2023 work priorities and timeline**
- 1:50**            **Skate Advisory Panel Report**
- 2:10**            **Discuss recent fishery performance and outlook for Fishing Year 2023**
- 2:20**            **Thorny skate white paper**
- Receive a progress update on developing a white paper about thorny skate biology, progress towards rebuilding and potential management approaches.
  - Develop any recommendations to the Council for the scope of this white paper and task the Plan Development Team (PDT) on developing the content.
- 3:00**            **Break**
- 3:10**            **Fishing Year 2024-2025 skate specifications**
- Review the methods for setting the Skate Acceptable Biological Catch and specifications flow chart, to be informed by the 2023 management track assessment; review possession limits including restrictions on possession of barndoor skate and smooth skate. Review information on recreational catch of skate.
  - Develop any recommendations for the Council and PDT tasking.
- 5:20**            **Other business and adjourn**

## **Meeting Documents**

1. Meeting/General information
  - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
  - b. Meeting memo from Skate Committee Chair, Mr. Scott Olszewski
  - c. Skate staff presentation
  - d. Timeline of skate work, March 2023 update
2. DRAFT Thorny Skate White Paper – Draft as of March 10, 2023
3. 2024-2025 Skate Specifications
  - a. DRAFT 2024-2025 Skate Specifications Discussion Document – Draft as of March 15, 2023
  - b. Skate PDT memo to Committee regarding recreational catch of skates, March 9, 2023
  - c. 2024-2025 Skate Specifications Action Plan
4. 2022 Skate Annual Monitoring Report (for FY 2021)
5. Meeting summaries
  - a. Skate AP-Cte, September 1, 2022
  - b. Skate Committee, November 7, 2022
  - c. Skate PDT, February 17, 2023
  - d. Skate AP draft motions, March 22, 2023
6. Correspondence/Other